

SM Savemore Tacloban bags DTI Bagwis Gold Seal of Excellence Award; 9 other stores in Leyte get Bronze



DTI Leyte PD Desiderio P. Belas, Jr., awards the DTI Bagwis Gold Seal of Excellence Award to Savemore Tacloban's Store Manager Daryl D. Lazona & Asst. Store Manager Jan Michael Sari witnessed by Consumer Protection Division Chief Araceli D. Larraga.

SM Savemore Tacloban and nine other establishments in Leyte were awarded with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Bagwis Seal of Excellence Award for upholding consumer rights and complying to the different fair trade laws.

The Bagwis Seal of Excellence Award is a recognition given to buyer-friendly stores who met the criteria set forth by DTI under the Bagwis program which are as follows: Compliance to Fair Trade Laws, Customer Relations, Store Management Operations, Socially Committed & Responsible Business Sector (for Silver & Gold Applicants only) and ISO 9001 Compliant (for Gold Applicants only).

SM Savemore Tacloban received the Bagwis Gold Seal award for having

met the above five parameters. SM Savemore Store Manager Daryl D. Lazona and Assistant Store Manager Jan Michael C. Sari received the award from DTI Leyte PD Desiderio P. Belas, Jr., during the Seminar on Product Standards and Conformance held last October 31, 2018 at Palo Municipal Function Hall in Palo, Leyte.

Four other business establishments in Tacloban City were awarded with the BAGWIS Bronze Seal Award for complying to the first three criteria mentioned earlier, in a Ceremony conducted during the 8th Consumer Information Market & Exhibit last October 12, 2018 at Robinsons North Tacloban, Abucay Tacloban City. These stores were Toyota Tacloban, Mitsubishi Motors, Puregold Marasbaras & IPCAR Technology. *(continued on next page....)*

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Five business establishments in Ormoc City likewise received the BAGWIS Bronze Seal Award. The awarding was done last October 24, 2018 at Ormoc City Hall. Ormoc City Officer-In-Charge Tommy Serafica

conferred the awards to Representatives of these establishments together with DTI Leyte Provincial Director Ed Belas, Jr., Ormoc City BPLO Emilio Tingson, DTI Leyte CPD Chief Araceli D. Larraga and TIDS Siali Cosares.###



DTI Bagwis Bronze Seal of Excellence Awardees in Tacloban City namely: Toyota Tacloban, Mitsubishi Motors, Puregold Marasbaras & IPCAR Technology



DTI Bagwis Bronze Seal of Excellence Awardees in Ormoc City namely: Home Options Inc.-Ormoc, Citi Hardware Bacolod, Inc.- Ormoc, Emerald Mini Depot Corp.-Ormoc, EBR Marketing Corp., & Gaisano Capital Riverside Mall with DTI Leyte Officials and staff

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2,379 Yolanda-affected SMEs receive livelihood starter kits, grants-in kind



Barugo Municipal Mayor Ma. Rosario Avestruz and the Provincial Director of DTI Leyte led the distribution of livelihood starter kits in Barugo, Leyte last October 22, 2018

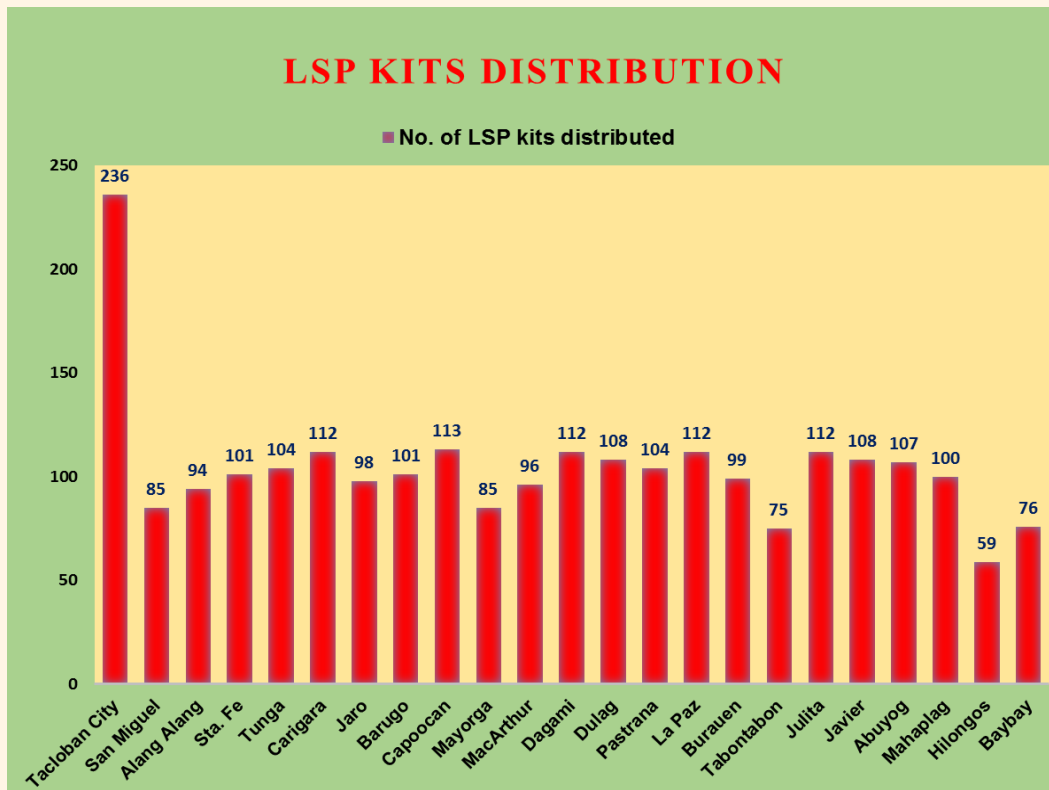
DTI Leyte Provincial Office distributes livelihood starter kits/grants in kind to a total of 2,379 Small Medium Enterprises affected by Super Typhoon Yolanda through DTI's Livelihood Seeding Program (LSP).

Two hundred thirteen (213) Eloading kits and 2,183 livelihood grants in kind which include sari-sari store package, rice retailing package and food processing kits were given to LSP beneficiaries in 23 LGUs namely: Tacloban City, Baybay City, Sta. Fe, Alang-alang, Jaro, Tunga, San Miguel, Barugo, Carigara, Capoocan, Mayorga, MacArthur, Dagami, Dulag, Pastrana, Burauen, La Paz, Tabon tabon, Julita, Javier, Abuyog, Mahaplag, and Hilongos, Leyte.

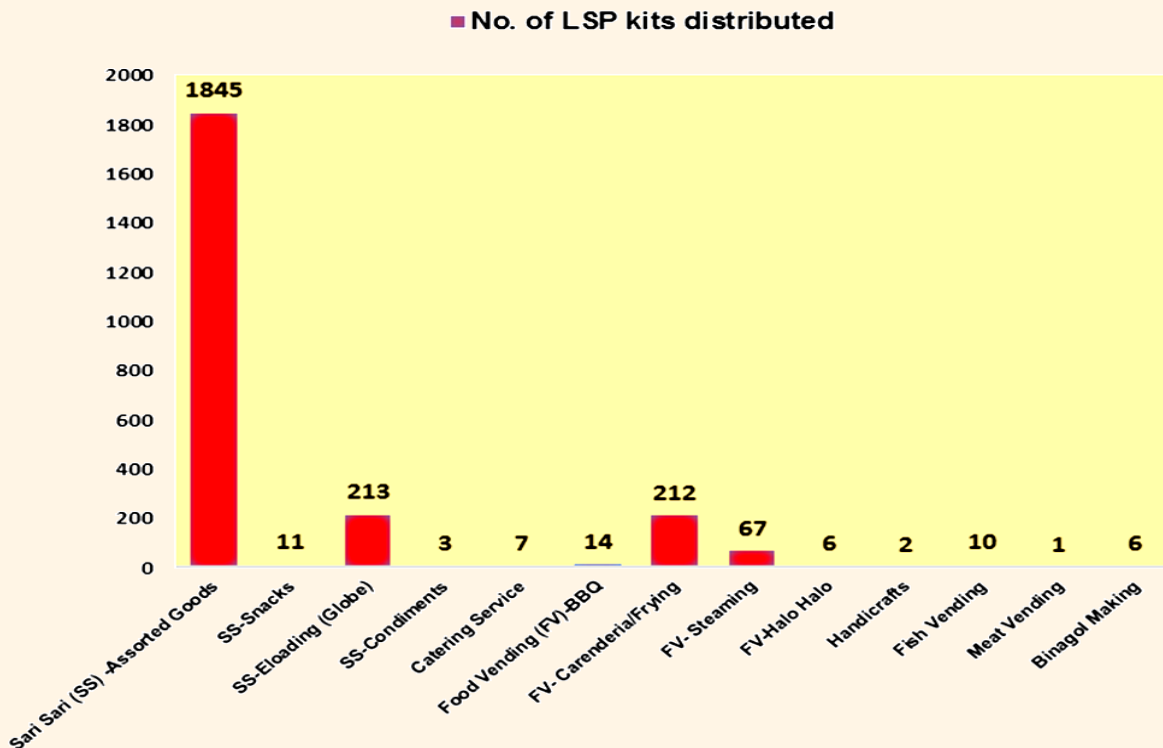
Another batch of livelihood kits totaling to 1,449 is set to be distributed this December 2018 to thirteen (13) LGUs namely: Leyte Leyte, Kananga, Matag-ob, Tabango, San Isidro, Calubian, Villaba, Palompon, Isabel, Albuera, Merida including the city of Ormoc. Livelihood Seeding Program beneficiaries from these LGUs have undergone Pre-Distribution Orientation and were already given with claim stubs which needs to be presented together with a valid ID during the day of distribution for them to be able to claim their kits. The Livelihood Seeding Program of DTI aims to assist local entrepreneurs affected by the Super Typhoon Yolanda to fully recover by giving them P5,000.00 worth of livelihood kits.##

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LSP KITS DISTRIBUTION PER TYPE OF PACKAGE



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Leyte NCBCs-SSF Ambassadors in full swing



In-plant visit of Leyte NCBCs/SSF Ambassadors and MSMEs to the different shared service facilities in the province last October 22-23, 2018

DTI-Leyte Provincial Office capacitates local entrepreneurs and Leyte Negosyo Center Business Counsellors (Leyte NCBCs) and MSMEs about the features, functions, and use of each Share Service Facility (SSF) centers thru In-Plant visits for them to be aware and appropriately disseminate relevant information to other potential MSME users in the nearby areas where SSF facilities are located.

To ensure an effective information drive, all Leyte NCBCs were chosen as SSF Ambassadors. NCBC-SSF Ambassadors will ensure an updated SSF Knowledge Management database. In-plant visits to the different shared service facilities such as the VSU Food Laboratory, Makapuno Food Processing, Jackfruit Food Processing, Dairy Processing Center, Rootcrops Food Processing, Food Testing Facility, JICPFA Coco Coir Project SSF were conducted last October 22-23, 2018. Meanwhile, SSF Monitoring & Evaluation (M & E), promotion, advisory and assistance to Cooperators will be done regularly.

The Shared Service Facility project was launched by DTI to improve the competitiveness and efficiency level of MSMEs in the identified priority industry sectors all

over the Philippines by providing them with modern machines, equipment, tools, systems, skills and knowledge that will enhance and address the gaps in their processing/manufacturing areas.

A total of 76 potential clients were identified as would-be beneficiaries of the shared service facilities in the province of Leyte. Brochures and flyers were also crafted by the Leyte Negosyo Center Business Counsellors to intensify its promotion and strengthen the operationalization of existing shared service facilities. Interested clients are also encouraged to visit the nearest Negosyo Center in their area.###



Leyte NCBCs/SSF Ambassadors and MSMEs were briefed about the Jackfruit Food Processing SSF in Baybay, City

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VSU Food Lab, Phil. Sci. Fab Lab & EVSU Retort: DTI Leyte's big 3 SSFs towards global competitiveness w/ 78.2M TPC

One of DTI's strategic goals is to scale up globally competitive industries to be world market leaders. To attain this objective, the Shared Service Facility Program was launched by DTI to help Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Improve their competitiveness by providing them with equipment, machinery, tools, systems, knowledge and skills under a shared system.

It the local context, DTI Leyte Provincial Office has already established thirty-one shared service facilities all over the province, in partnership of course with juridical entities such as state universities, local government units and associations/ organizations.

For 2018, DTI Leyte proposed for the establishment and/or improvement of three (3) major Shared Service Facilities in the Province namely; Food Testing Laboratory in Visayas State University, Baybay City, Fabrication Laboratory located at Philippine Science High School in Palo, Leyte and the Water Retort Facility in Eastern Visayas State University in Tacloban City. The total project cost of these three SSFs amounted to Php78.2 Million pesos where DTI Leyte SSF counterpart is 56% or a total of Php43.8M. These projects were eventually approved by the SSF-National Technical Working Group (NTWG) after careful deliberation and are now under procurement with some of the equipment are already for delivery.



Unveiling of the of the EVSU Water Retort Facility Signage



An inside look into the EVSU Retort Shared Service Facility in EVSU Main Campus, Tacloban City

EVSU WATER RETORT SHARED SERVICE FACILITY

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Leyte Provincial Office in response to the needs of local food processors to meet the
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standards of food processing technology, globally competitive products, and cost effective packaging facility that conforms to the requirements of the export market, embarked on a shared service facility (SSF) on food processing (retort and working space) packaging, and labelling.

DTI Leyte's Provincial Director Ed Belas believes that the provision of shared service facilities to high potential MSMEs like the Processed Food Sector in Eastern Visayas, especially at critical stages in processing and packaging, will significantly hasten and increase their production capacities with the end in view of improving product quality and their competitive footing in the global market.

The said Water Retort SSF with project cost of Php8Million and housed at the Eastern Visayas State University was established in order to attain the following objectives:

1. to assist MSMEs in the processed food industry;
2. to improve the product quality and increase the production volume of local producers;
3. to cope with increasing market demand of locally produced processed food products in the Region (*e.g. moron, binagol, sagmani, suman latik, bangus, suman balintawak, pinangat, mussels, etc.*)
4. to improve the traditional processes and extend the shelf life of the products produced by MSMEs; and
5. to process food products in a facility

that meets the regulatory requirements (envisioned to be a License to Operate certified food processing facility by the FDA).

PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL-EASTERN VISAYAS CAMPUS (PSHS-EVC) FABRICATION LABORATORY

The Digital Fabrication Laboratory in PSHS-EVC with total project cost of Php13Million pesos approved by NTWG for 2018 SSF Project Fund, is for educational outreach that is an extension of its research into digital fabrication and computation. It is a technical prototyping platform for ideation, innovation, and invention.



PSHS-EVC Fabrication Laboratory SSF

The PSHS-EVC FabLab shall be open to the public, industry experts and students for learning and prototyping only. The establishment of the Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) at PSHS-EVC aims to:

1. bridge the gap between education and Industry
2. provide a venue for ideation, invention and innovation to our students, individuals, schools and companies who currently do not have ready access to the tools, skills, capabilities and network that the Fab Lab provides. (*continued on next page....*)

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3. develop prototypes for product improvement and quality enhancement;
4. encourage entrepreneurship instead of gainful employment- or at least plant the seed of creating-versus joining the ranks of the employed;
5. raise the rank of research and development in Region 8; and
6. connect the school, local SMEs to a global network through the global FabLab Academy.

VSU FOOD TESTING LABORATORY SHARED SERVICE FACILITY

It has been DTI's priority of giving its best to support the growing number of MSMEs in the processed food sector who needs to secure LTO from FDA. As reported by DTI Region 8, ninety-nine per cent (99%) in the processed food sector are reported as non-LTO compliant, as a result of the absence of an accredited laboratory in the region, expen-

sive analytical services of private laboratories in Cebu and Manila, and longer waiting time of the release of results.

In order to address this particular need, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Leyte partnered with Visayas State University to set up a new Shared Service Facility (SSF) -Food Testing Laboratory worth Php 20Milion which will be subjected to FDA accreditation. This state-of-the-art food laboratory has complete equipment & will perform various analyses of MSME's food products in order to comply with FDA requirements for LTO application. Furthermore, this new facility aims to assist MSMEs meet quality and labelling standards which will enable food processors to reach out to bigger markets for their products.

The first phase of the project started in 2016 with four sets of equipment amounting to P2,539,779.00. To complete the Food Analyses requirement for LTO Certification, additional equipment amounting to Php20Milion pesos was approved by NTWG for the 2018 SSF Project fund. The Project is expected to be fully operational by 2019. ###



VSU Food Testing Laboratory Shared Service Facility



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Pre-Distribution Orientation & Distribution of Claim Stubs to LSP Beneficiaries in Matag-ob, Leyte with LSP Project Assistant Juvilene Mae Alido



Mr. Nelson Gutierrez of SASSMAPI discussing steel angles standards during the Product Standard Conformance Seminar last October 31, 2018 at Palo, Leyte

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